

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Kiyofumi Inoue, et al.
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Customer No. : 29453

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowability of March 24, 2006 in the application identified above, Applicant(s) respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment. (This reply is being filed together with payment of the issue fee on June 26, 2006, the first business day following the Saturday June 24, 2006 date that is three calendar months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.